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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED EC MILK SUBSIDY

1. EC COMMISSIONER LARDINOIS IN PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH ME SEP 3 SAID HE WAS DEVELOPING NEW APPROACH TO DAIRY PROBLEM IN COMMUNITY. HE INTENDED SEPT 9 AT SPECIAL MEETING OF AGRICULTURE MINISTERS TO PROPOSE A NEW KIND SUBSIDY FOR NON-DELIVERY OF MILK. HE WOULD BE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DROUGHT SITUATION AND BY CHOOSING BASE YEAR WITH HIGH MILK PRODUCTION, HE WOULD IN EFFECT BE PROVIDING INCOME TO DAIRY FARMERS WHOSE MILK PRODUCTION WOULD BE DOWN ANYWAY AS WELL AS INCENTIVE TO OTHERS TO REDUCE PRODUCTION. HE SAID FRENCH MINISTER BONNET APPROVED IDEA BUT THAT THE BRITISH AND ITALIANS WHO STILL WISHED EXPAND THEIR PRODUCTION WERE BEING DIFFICULT.

2. THIS INFORMATION WAS CONVEYED IN CONTEXT OF ASSESSEMENT THAT HIS OVER-ALL DIARY PROGRAM, INCLUDING TAX ON VEGETABLE OILS WAS UNLIKELY TO BE ADOPTED SOON.

WHILE HE STILL MAINTAINED THAT EVENTUALLY TAX ON VEGETABLE OILS, INCLUDING US SOYBEAN OIL, WOULD PROVE TO BE NECESSARY, HE LEFT ME WITH IMPRESSION THAT IF HE SUCCEEDED IN GETTING ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY SUBSIDY FOR NON-DELIVERY OF MILK, HE WOULD NOT EXPECT REST OF

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DIARY PROGRAM TO BE ADOPTED BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE NEXT

JANUARY, EVEN THOUGH HE INTENDS TO KEEP TRYING. HINTON

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